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Barbara Klassen Recipient of Ulster County YWCA's Tribute to Women

Kingston, N.Y., – Sep. 7, 2010 – HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley is pleased to announce that Barbara Klassen, Executive Director of the Benedictine Health Foundation, has been selected as a recipient of the Ulster County YWCA's "Tribute to Women" award for her work in healthcare fundraising and administration.

Klassen began her career in the not-for-profit healthcare field with the American Diabetes Association, New York Upstate Affiliate where she managed program and fundraising activities for a 15 county region including Ulster and Dutchess Counties. Since moving to Ulster County in 1995, she has worked and volunteered for agencies including the Gateway Community Industries Foundation, the SUNY New Paltz Foundation, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). She is a member of the AFP and the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy.

The "Tribute to Women" will honor 13 women for their achievements and contributions to Ulster County. The event will be held on Friday, October 15, 2010 at Wiltwyck Golf Club. For further information, contact the YWCA at 338-6844, ext. 102.

About Benedictine Health Foundation

The Benedictine Health Foundation supports the quality healthcare programs, services, and facilities of Benedictine Hospital, a member of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley®.

About HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley®

HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley. is the alignment of The Kingston Hospital, Benedictine Hospital, Margaretville Hospital, Mountainside Residential Care Center and Woodland Pond. The goal of HealthAlliance is to strengthen the quality of care, bring forward enhanced technology and provide compassionate care to serve the present and future healthcare needs in the Hudson Valley.

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